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TEXTILES EXPORT TARGET
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have fixed a target to export the textiles worth 50 billion dollar till the year 2010;

(b) if so, the new job opportunities likely to be generated every year on this account; and

(c) the steps being taken to technically modernise the textile industries and to remove the procedural hurdles in order to achieve this target ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Since achievement of the target is attendant on achievement of technological upgradation of the textile industry, which would necessarily change the existing export basket, the unit value realization, the wage structure and the existing patter of employment, it is difficult to predict with any degree of accuracy the new job opportunities likely to be generated.

(c) Government have taken the following important steps to modernize the textile industries and remove procedural hurdles to achieve the export target:

(i) Launch of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of textile industry;

(ii) Launch of Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme for upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centres;

(iii) Launching of a programme as part of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for modernisation of weaving capacities;

(iv) Allowing foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route in the textile sector with certain exceptions;

(v) Announcement in two consecutive Budgets aiming inter-alia at further rationalisation of duty structure in the textile sector and reducing costs of machinery critical to technology upgradation;

(vi) Launch of Technology Mission on the Cotton to achieve increasing cotton productivity and upgrade its quality upto international standards;

(vii) De-reservation of woven readymade garment sector from SSI;

(viii) Setting up of Apparel Parks and providing facilities therein concerning labour, infrastructure and duty structure for encouraging growth and competitiveness in global market.